

FAILED FOR
NEAR MILLION

Frank D. Perry of Worcester, Mass.

LIABILITIES OF \$962,652.00

Notes Are Held By Forty Banks and Individuals Mostly in New England.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Frank D. Perry of Worcester, who is actively identified with the management of the Worcester and Southbridge Street Railway, which is in difficulties, filed a petition in bankruptcy today. His liabilities are scheduled at \$962,652. His assets are placed at \$42,000. Practically the whole indebtedness is on account of his connection with the road, he having individually indorsed notes aggregating \$925,000 held by forty banks and individuals mostly in New England.

MAYFLOWER MET TROOPS.

Were Bound For Colombian Territory. News Not All Told.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The navy department this morning received the following cablegram from Rear Admiral Coghlan, commanding the naval forces at Colon: "The Mayflower reports she met with a pinos carrying 300 men and ammunition bound for Base at Titumani." Titumani is on the extreme northwest end of the Gulf of Darien about 575 miles from the Island of Pides and in Colombian territory. The full text is not given out. It contained about 300 words and it is believed to have conveyed information of an important character. A copy was immediately sent to the president and another to the general staff of the army.

A FRAUD OFFER.

Publishing Co. Offered Prizes It Could Not Pay.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The post office department has issued a fraud order against the Golden Thoughts Publishing Company of Mansfield, Ohio. The company had offered prizes aggregating nearly \$100,000 for correct or nearly correct guesses on the vote in Ohio for secretary of state, November 4, 1902. Those who made guesses had to pay 50 cents for a year's subscription. The list of prize winners was published, which the department declares is largely fictitious. The head of the concern admitted to the postal authorities he had no tangible assets to pay the premiums.

SALE OF FRIAR LANDS

Is Approved by President-Roads to Pay For Land.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Gov. Taft's recent tentative agreement with the friars in the Philippines for the sale of their lands to the United States has been approved by the president. The amount to be paid for the lands is \$7,250,000. There was a conference at the White House this morning between the president and Secretaries Root and Shaw for the purpose of making arrangements for an issue of bonds in payment of the lands. The plan of the administration is to resell the property to the natives who are now handling it as tenants.

VOTE FALLS OFF.

Chamberlain Tariff Policy Causes Decrease in Conservative Vote.

London, Dec. 23.—The Ludlow bye election resulted in the election of the conservative protectionist candidate, Mr. Hunt, to Parliament. At the last contest the conservative majority was nearly 4,000. Hunt won by about 1,000 votes. The drop in the conservative majority is a most important indication the agricultural vote is against Chamberlain's preferential tariff policy.

GOOD WISHES FOR POPE.

America and Ireland Most Prominent in its expressions.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The Pope, in receiving all the Cardinals in Rome and other dignitaries, to extend to them his Christmas greetings, said he had great consolation in the fact that good wishes had been received from all parts of the world, encouraging him in his hard task. America and Ireland, he said, were most prominent in these manifestations of good will.

Tree and Entertainment.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School will have a Christmas tree and entertainment on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Those desiring to put articles on the tree will please send them to the church sometime during Thursday afternoon. The parents and the friends of the children are cordially invited to the festivities.

Song by school, "Immanuel the Mighty," Recitation, "Through Bright Heavens," Dialogue, "Gifts from Santa's Stocking," Solo, "A Christmas Dream," Song by school, "Hail Happy Christmas," Recitation, "A Little Maid Am I," Song by little children, "Will the Frosty Air with Song," Dialogue, "The Way to Spend Christmas," Duets, "Send a Ray of Light," Recitation, "A Christmas Dream," Song by school, "Ring, Oh Ring, Ye Joy Bells," Dialogue, "God's Word is True," Dialogue, "A Christmas Joyful Morn," Recitation, "Bethlehem Star," Song by school, "A Note to Santa Claus," Song by school, "Shine Forth O Star of Glory."

VALLEY FAIR ORGANIZATION.

Hereafter the Stockholders Alone Will Control Affairs.

Brattleboro, Dec. 22.—The stockholders of the Valley Fair association met last evening and organized for the first time since the legislature granted their charter 18 years ago. They elected officers to hold office until the annual meeting in January, when the same officers probably will be reelected. In former years a board of directors, so called, consisting of men in all the towns within a number of miles of Brattleboro has elected the officers who were to manage the fair. These "directors," or nearly all of them, held no stock in the association. From now on the stockholders alone will elect the officers, and the latter will manage the fair with the cooperation of the advisory board of directors. The last fair was unusually successful, netting over \$2,000. The association has over \$4,000 in the treasury. The next fair will be held Sept. 28 and 29.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

Rutland Humane Society Entertains 200 Poor People.

Rutland, Dec. 22.—The Rutland Humane society entertained 200 of the poorest people of the country districts in this part of the state today. It is the most far-reaching charitable event ever held here. Enough clothes were used to stock a large store. All the guests were brought in big wagons and sleighs and were taken home again. A large part of the children were never in Rutland before.

LIQUOR LICENSE REVOKED.

Amos Humphrey of Underhill, Guilty of Selling Liquor.

Underhill Center, Dec. 22.—The license commissioners of this town have revoked the license granted to Amos Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey was tried and found guilty of selling liquor Sunday.

Statement of Vermont Banks.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—An abstract of the conditions of the national banks of Vermont, at the close of business Nov. 17 last has just been made public here by the controller of the currency. It shows that the loans and discounts of Vermont banks on that date were \$12,980,747; that the total specie was \$601,955, of which \$415,285 was gold coin. The individual deposits in Vermont national banks amount to \$11,932,299. The percentage to deposits of cash on hand, redemption fund, and due from reserve agents is 27.24. The percentage of legal reserve to deposits was \$17.21.

Charge of Violating Bankruptcy Law.

Burlington, Dec. 22.—Arthur F. and James D. McCarty were arraigned yesterday before the United States authorities for an alleged violation of the bankruptcy law, being charged with the removal of property from a store just before bankruptcy proceedings were begun.

Bail in the sum of \$800 each was furnished. There will be a hearing in United States court some time in February.

EAST BARRE.

Al Hutchins went to Barre yesterday on business.

W. C. Nye and wife were in Barre yesterday, looking after their Christmas shopping.

Frank Tucker is now able to sit up again. Mrs. Anderson has got through her work as his nurse.

Mert Cutler and wife went to Barre yesterday morning spending the day at the home of his brother there.

John McArthur came from Hallowell, Canada, yesterday to pay a visit at the home of his son, Dr. J. H. McArthur.

We have heard the remark that the store of John Dix was closed. That is a mistake. The store is open and he is doing his usual large Christmas business.

The customary Christmas entertainment given by the children of the Congregational Sunday school will be held in the Congregational church on Thursday, Dec. 24, at 7:30 o'clock. An unusually good programme has been provided. All are cordially welcomed. Some one will be in the church on Thursday afternoon to receive the gifts and put them on the Christmas tree which will be one of the most pleasing features of the evening.

WASHINGTON.

"Aunt Elizabeth" Huntington was reported this morning as being decidedly worse.

School at the village has closed for this week. Miss Hill has gone to her home in Bradford for the week.

The annual meeting of the Washington Agricultural Association occurred at the town hall this afternoon. A full report will be given in these columns later.

G. H. Bigelow, W. E. Worthley, Eleazer Smith and Washington Beede with their wives attended the funeral services of Mrs. E. G. Cook at Orange, Saturday afternoon.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

Horace Farnham of East Montpelier was in town yesterday.

John Dow went to Burlington yesterday to the Mary Fletcher hospital for treatment.

The Universalist society will have their Christmas tree Thursday evening at the church.

Mrs. Jane Erskine returned to Berlin yesterday after a few weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Herbert Platt.

Jerry Hutchinson sold and deeded his farm to parties from Barre and is moving to his new house here at the village.

Neckwear received at Vaughan's this morning.

FIVE KILLED
20 INJURED

Armory Building Collapses.

WALLS AND ROOF FELL IN

Early This Afternoon—Men Killed Were Laborers About Premises.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 3.—The walls and roof of the old 13th regiment armory at Flatbush Avenue and Hamstead place, collapsed at 1.15 this afternoon. Five laborers were killed and twenty persons were injured.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT.

Markets and Grocers Offer Great Variety for Holiday Feast.

Feasting is as much a part of Christmas as that of gift bearing, and Barre's enterprising grocers and marketmen have prepared a great variety of good things to select from. Many of them are making elaborate window displays.

L. M. Averill shows a full line of Christmas sweets in one window and in the other an extensive display of toys, etc.

F. D. Ladd shows candies, cakes, raisins and fruits in two windows, and turkeys, geese, etc., in another. In the fourth window is a miniature meat shop, with meat cutters, cleavers and customers all in motion. This display attracts lots of attention for its novelty.

Parker & Tassie display a full line of turkeys, geese, ducks, chickens and fowls, and the good things that go with them.

Sowden & Lyon display a fine line of confectionery, nuts, oranges, and other good things to help out the Christmas dinner.

Eastman Bros. show a window full of candy and nuts.

L. A. Averill has arranged a very pretty window display of figs, dates, nuts, raisins, grapes, oranges and confectionery.

Meaker Bros. show a full line of turkeys, geese, ducks, etc.

Chester & Bird have put a good deal of work into making their window display a good one and they have succeeded. A full line of turkeys, geese, ducks, chickens, fowls, pigeons and beef is shown.

The Co-operative store shows a fine line of turkeys, geese and chickens.

Smith Bros. market shows a full line of turkeys, geese, chickens, fowls, etc.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

For William Wright—Case Not Prossed and Released.

In county court today the case against William Wright, charged with breaking and entering Charles Zanoni's store some time ago, was not prossed. Mr. Wright has been at Waterbury for some time, but he will be released and will be home to spend Christmas with his family and friends.

Senator Hanna Better.

New York, Dec. 23.—Senator Hanna was much improved this morning and he will probably leave for home tonight or tomorrow morning.

Bakers to Strike.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The bakers of Paris and the employees of four other supply corporations today voted to order a general strike.

School Ship Ends Long Cruise.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The Pennsylvania school ship Saratoga, Captain Mallen, has arrived at the Delaware breakwater after a cruise of nearly four months in foreign waters. The Saratoga sailed from this port with sixty-five boys on Aug. 29 for Southampton, Cherbourg and Madeira. She left the latter port on the return trip Nov. 15.

Gray Gives Bryan His Photograph.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—The czar has sent William J. Bryan an autograph photograph. Ambassador McCormick gave a luncheon to Mr. Bryan, Prince Khilkoff, the minister of public works and railroads, and other high officials. Foreign Minister Lamsdorf has gone to Tarskoye Selo.

Mr. Hay Still Quite Ill.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Hay, though still confined to his bed with a very severe attack of bronchitis, continues to attend to official business. Mr. Hay is not of a robust constitution, but he has an indomitable will which stands him in good stead.

Chicago Police Shops Raided.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Police shops and handbooks in the Harrison street police district have been raided by the police and forty-five arrests made. In all, thirty-eight keepers of police shops were arrested. The gambling devices were destroyed.

Accused of Killing Hired Man.

Owosso, Mich., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Caroline Collins of New Lathrop was bound over to the circuit court for trial on the charge of poisoning her hired man, George Leachman.

SINKING FUND
EXCEEDS \$24,000

The City Fund Steadily Growing.

WATER RENTS DUE CITY

Names of Delinquents to Be Brought Before City Council—The Gas Co. Franchise.

The board of aldermen held a regular meeting last evening, at which the most important matter to come before the august body was the reading of the report of the sinking fund commissioner, E. G. Howland, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903. Mr. Howland's report shows the city sinking fund to be as follows:

Balance reported Jan. 1, 1903 \$17,531.08
Received from city treasurer, July 30, 1903, 6,295.95
Interest to Oct. 1, 1903 655.65

Total on hand \$24,481.73

Mr. Howland also holds the note of the city of Barre dated March 11, 1901, for \$16,489.66, as trustee for the United States deposit fund. The report was read, accepted and ordered printed.

Several city warrants were read and ordered paid, including the interest on the water and sewer bonds due Jan. 1, 1904. George W. Hobart asked to have Birch street numbered. Referred to street committee and city engineer.

Supt. of Water Campbell stated to the board that his department had \$588 in water rents in the bank, and there is about \$400 uncollected. On motion of Alderman Robies it was voted the water superintendent be requested to submit to the board of aldermen at its next meeting the names of all who have failed to pay their water rents.

A resolution was offered and adopted fixing a date when the People's Lighting, Heating and Power Co. should accept or reject the extension of time given to its franchise, and if the company fails to accept same within five days the extension of time of time is void.

FOR A FEDERAL BUILDING.

Options Being Secured on Desirable Sites for Building.

The committee on federal building and the board of aldermen held a joint session last evening after the meeting of the latter board to consider the matter of location for such a building if congress makes an appropriation for one in Barre. It is necessary to show to the government that there are a number of suitable sites available, and that options have been secured on the same. Four options have been received but more are desired and any property holder who has a lot they think suitable, both as to size and location, and is willing to make a price on the same, is requested to visit the city clerk's office and make an option on the same. All options should be given before Jan. 1.

MRS. DURETT DEAD.

Passed Away at the Heaton Hospital Yesterday Afternoon.

Mrs. Winfield Durett died at the Heaton hospital at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon after a month's illness. The deceased was born in Leeds, P. Q., where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkins, now reside. She was 20 years of age. She is survived by her husband to whom she was married about a year ago.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the house of Mrs. Broadwell on Merchant street.

The funeral will be held from the Methodist church at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Rev. R. F. Lowe officiating.

MISS JEMIMA TRAIL.

Death of Well Known Young Woman After Long Illness.

Miss Jemima Trail, daughter of James Trail, died last night at 9 o'clock at 6 Kinney street after an illness of nearly three months at the age of 21 years. Miss Trail was for some time employed at Mrs. Trembley's dressmaking rooms. She was a young woman of sweet disposition who had many friends in Barre.

The funeral will be held from the Church of the Good Shepherd Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The interment will be at Elmwood.

Notice.

A summoned meeting of Court Granite City F. of A. will be held in Forester hall Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, at 7 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a full board of officers for the ensuing term. Every member is requested to be present. Per order Wm. L. Taylor, Chief Ranger.

Special for Christmas gifts.—Silk, petticoats, kid gloves, Boston bags, table linen, towels, black dress goods, blankets, silk waist patterns. A good line of these goods at right prices at Veale & Knight's.

Smokers' articles for the holiday trade at Drown's drug store.

Bargains in ladies' dress and walking skirts at Vaughan's.

Mrs. Cummings' hand-decorated china at Fitts'.
Useful Christmas greetings at Abbott's.

GARETTO GUILTY
OF MANSLAUGHTER
SAYS THE JURYF. OF A. GETS A GRIP
ON FIRST POSITION

Foresters' Team Defeated C. O. F. Players Last Evening By Score of 5 to 3.

In the cribbage contest last evening the F. of A. team defeated the C. O. F. five tables to three. This gives the F. of A. team a good grip on the first place in the standing, and the Red Men will have to scalp the Clan Gordon team tonight or fail to second place.

The result by tables was as follows:
James Patterson and W. Scott, F. of A., defeated M. Tierney and Ed. McNulty, C. O. F.; M. E. Bassett and A. Casellini, F. of A., defeated Antoine Burke and M. N. Nelson, C. O. F.; Geo. Robertson and Oscar Burgh, F. of A., defeated A. A. Connell and A. J. Loranger, C. O. F.; Geo. A. Milne and W. C. Mackie, F. of A., defeated A. J. Gravelin and Luke Gallagher, C. O. F.; Wm. Evans and Alex Stephens, F. of A., defeated D. W. Faulkner and Charles Williams, C. O. F.; Wm. Kelley and T. Gallagher, C. O. F., defeated George Stuart and Henry Casellini, F. of A.; W. W. White and M. McNulty, C. O. F., defeated A. Smith and A. Clark, F. of A.; J. M. Brault and J. Nelson, C. O. F., defeated O. J. L. Matthews and Peter Alexander, F. of A.

The Clan Gordon and Red Men play tonight, which will end the games in the second series.

The standing to date is as follows:

	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Red Men	56	30	26	.535
F. of A.	64	35	29	.546
C. O. F.	64	30	34	.498
Clan Gordon	56	29	27	.517
C. O. F.	64	28	36	.437

CALUMETS TOOK
GAME FROM EUREKAS

Leaders of State League Won Three Strings From the Other Barre Team.

The Calumets and Eureka bowling team of this city bowled last evening in Alexander's alleys and the Calumets more than evened up with the Eureka, who were victorious in their first match, by winning three straight games and by 193 pins in the total score.

Trenoweth of the Calumets was high man of the evening with a three string total of 576. Averill of the same team was second with 555 and also first in the single string total of 213.

The individual scores are as follows:

	Calumets.	Eureka.
Trenoweth	202	212
Perry	130	193
Brown	105	165
Batholder	107	182
Averill	154	188
	848	940

	Calumets.	Eureka.
Byrnes	151	190
Douglass	144	124
Charbonneau	148	200
Houghton	151	172
Smith	196	128
	700	814

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Cyrus Hall went to Lyndonville this afternoon on a visit.

Rube McDonald leaves tonight for his home in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McAllister of Washington were in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Worthy of Washington were in the city today.

Miss Maude Danforth returned today from Berlin Falls, N. H., to spend the holiday season.

Edwin C. Veal of Maple avenue, will leave tonight for Westley, R. I., to spend Christmas with his brother, W. J. Veal.

R. D. Campbell and daughter, who have been visiting in Milan, P. Q., for the past six weeks, returned to Graniteville today.

Every member of the degree team of the N. E. O. P. are requested to be present at the meeting tonight as there are two candidates to be initiated.

The members of Neal Dow Lodge I. O. G. T. are requested to meet in the lodge rooms at 1.45 tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral of Mrs. Durett.

The American Horse Breeder for Dec. 15, contains a two column write-up of the Smith Stock Farm, owned by Donald and John E. Smith. Al Ray and Lady Lauria are very highly spoken of in the story.

Senator W. P. Dillingham returned to Montpelier yesterday from Washington for the holiday recess. W. W. Hubbard, his private secretary, will remain in Washington during the recess of Congress.

There will be a tree for the primary department of the Congregational Sunday school tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The parents are invited to come with their little ones if they wish. No presents to be brought.

Officer George Wood arrested Harry Reed last night for breach of the peace. In city court this morning he pleaded guilty to the fracture and Judge Fay sentenced him to the house of correction at Rutland for not less than sixty and not more than 75 days.

The Case of Alexander Garetto, Charged With the Murder of Eli Corti, Given to the Jury at 9.30 This Forenoon.

END OF THE TRIAL
OF WELL KNOWN CASE

Closing Arguments Made Yesterday Afternoon and Judge Stafford's Charge Delivered to Jury This Morning.

Montpelier, Dec. 23.—The arguments having been completed in the trial of the case of State vs. Alexander Garetto of Barre, charged with the murder of Eli Corti, Judge Stafford charged the jury at the opening of county court this morning, and at half past nine the case was given to the twelve men who have had the case under consideration for eight days.

After being out several hours the jury announced at 2.50 this afternoon it had arrived at a verdict and filed into the court room to announce its findings. An instant hush fell over all the large crowd in the court room. Garetto was commanded to stand up to hear the verdict and the jury was requested to state its finding.

"Do you find this man to be guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty of manslaughter," Garetto took the verdict calmly. Sentence will be imposed late this afternoon.

The maximum sentence is life and the minimum seven years, or a fine of \$1,000. Judge Stafford's charge to the jury occupied half an hour, in which time he plainly set forth the duty of the jury to both the respondent and the state. He said the defence admits Garetto shot Corti and the question is whether the killing was criminal or innocent. When one is assaulted unlawfully he has a right to defend himself in a manner to appear reasonably necessary, even to the taking of human life. One must be in apprehension of death or of great bodily harm. If the respondent, when he fired the fatal shot, was by unlawfully assaulted by Eli Corti or by Eli Corti in connection with others, and reasonably thought he was in apprehension of death, or was in danger of great bodily harm, he was innocent.

The state's evidence was that he was not assaulted. The judge then enumerated the three kinds of murder: first degree, second degree, and manslaughter. If the jury brought in a verdict of guilty it must be one of those three. The defence is presumed to be innocent. You began the trial with no suspicion against him. He is innocent until the evidence alone shows that he is not innocent. The respondent's failure to testify in his own behalf admits no presumption against him. In closing the judge said, "You stand between the respondent and the state. You have your duty to him and your duty to the state. That duty is to render a true verdict."

The court room was crowded yesterday afternoon to hear the closing pleas. V. A. Lord made a strong and eloquent plea of an hour and a half in length. He made no contention but that Garetto fired the shot that killed Eli Corti, but he argued that Garetto fired at a time when, as a reasonable man, he had reason to believe that his own life was in danger or that he was in danger of great bodily harm. In closing Mr. Lord made a pathetic appeal to the jury to acquit Garetto on the ground that he did the shooting in self defence, and thus to give to a wife and little girl in "arre a Christmas present they would never forget."

Equally effective were the closing arguments for the state by State's Attorney Senter. He urged the jury to disabuse their minds of the idea that the anarchists or socialists of Barre were on trial. He assailed some of the evidence which the respondent relies upon as his strongest, and urged the jurors to do their duty under their oath according to the law as the court shall give it to them, let the consequences be what they may.

BARRE MEN SENTENCED.

Charles Tacy and Joseph Jacques Entered Appeal.

Montpelier, Dec. 23.—Charles Tacy and Joseph Jacques of Barre were sentenced this noon in county court to pay a fine of \$20 each in the case against them of impeding an officer. The case was appealed to supreme court and bail fixed in each case of \$100. Antoine Burke furnished bail for Tacy and C. Worcester for Jacques.

Nell Knapp and Eugene Davis, who stole from the Colburn Clothing Co. at Northfield and broke jail later, were in court this afternoon and both pleaded guilty to the two charges and each was given 5 years, Davis in state's prison and Knapp in the house of correction.

Assistant Secretary.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The president today appointed Lawrence O. Murray of Chicago, as assistant secretary of commerce and labor.